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APPLICANT: Nagahara **EXAMINER:** Hsieh
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FOR: Wear Protection for Musical Wind Instruments

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Sir:

**TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A DOUBLE
PATENTING REJECTION OVER A PRIOR PATENT**

Your Petitioner, Kanichi Nagahara hereby certifies that pursuant to his review of the pertinent evidentiary documents involved herein, and to the best of the Petitioner's knowledge and belief, the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified application, as well as all patents referred to herein, is in the Petitioner seeking to take the present action. Neither this application, nor the parent patent, has been assigned. Petitioner is thus the sole owner of the above-identified patent application.

Petitioner hereby disclaims, except as provided below, the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. §§154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the grant of U.S. Patent No. 6,653,539, of which Petitioner is also the sole owner.

Petitioner hereby agrees that any patent so granted on the instant application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that it and U.S. Patent No. 6,653,539 are commonly owned. This agreement runs with any

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In making the above disclaimer, Petitioner does not disclaim the terminal part of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term as defined in 35 U.S.C. §§154 to 156 and 173 of U.S. Patent No. 6,653,539 as shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to the patent grant, in the event that U.S. Patent No. 6,653,539 expires for failure to pay a maintenance fee, is held unenforceable, is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, is statutorily disclaimed in whole or in part, or terminally disclaimed under 37 C.F.R. §1.321, has all claims cancelled by a reexamination certificate, is reissued, or is in any manner terminated prior to the expiration of its full statutory term as shortened by any terminal disclaimer filed prior to its grant.

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